

EUROPEAN NOTES

WORLD POWERS PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF MAN WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR BENEFIT OF MANKIND

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Nations of Latin America through their diplomatic representatives joined with the United States, France and Great Britain tonight in paying tribute to the memory of the late Major General W. C. Gorgas, former surgeon general of the army.

Memorial services for the general, who died last July in London, were held under the auspices of the Southern Society of Washington.

Speakers included Secretary Baker, Secretary Daniels, Major General P. C. Harris, Ambassador Jusserand of France, Major General H. K. Bethell, military attaché of the British embassy and Director General Rowe of the Pan-American Union. Messages were read from the presidents of several Latin-American governments.

Adjutant General Harris, who presided, traced the life of General Gorgas, showing how it had been connected with yellow fever and how "yellow fever, which in 1875 had driven the beautiful Amelia Gayle from her home in Mobile, Ala., to the nearby military station where she first met Lieutenant Josiah Gorgas, 29 years later called the son of this couple to Fort Brown, Texas, where he met and saved from that scourge the young girl who as his wife shared his life and who as his widow now mourns his loss.

Secretary Baker paid tribute to the work of General Gorgas in eradicating yellow fever from the Panama canal zone. Panama paid its tribute through J. E. Ledoux, charge d'affaires who declared that the Gorgas tropical institute for research established by the government of Panama was both a temple to science and a shrine to the great sanitarian.

Minister De Cespedes of Cuba declared that the memory of General Gorgas is dearer to Cubans and his name is revered as those of that republic's own national heroes and liberators.

General Bethell, speaking for the country in which General Gorgas died, declared that "this is the glory of the world, not of the destroyer."

Secretary of State Colby, in a wire message said: "The beneficence of his labors reached the confines of the world. His field was humanity. Not this generation alone, but the countless generations of posterity will call his name blessed."

Messages of gratitude for the work of General Gorgas were read from Presidents Brindley of Uruguay, Laguarda of Peru, Chamorro of Nicaragua, Gutierrez of Honduras, Dartigue of Haiti and A. de Alencar of Brazil. Ecuador's debt to the general was outlined in an address by Minister Urdade of that republic.

The Colombian government's gratitude was expressed by Minister Urdade. Ambassador Pezet expressed the "undying" gratitude of the Peruvian government for the sanitation work accomplished in Peru under General Gorgas' direction.

General Gorgas' claim to "true greatness," Ambassador Jusserand declared lies in the fact that he gave himself to "world service without thought of fame or self distinction." He rose above the "lower order" of great men, he said, and that he worked "obscurely" without publicity to help mankind.

Annapolis Murder Mystery Unsolved

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 16.—The mystery of the tragedy in which a naval academy authorities said tonight after the second day of investigation of the murder of Harriet M. Kavanaugh, a naval nurse, found Friday night at the foot of Cemetery Hill on the grounds that restoration and who died Saturday without regaining consciousness. No arrests have been made nor has the board been able to gain any tangible clue despite reports that two men, one colored, former enlisted man, were being held.

Police And Soldiers Patrol North Dublin

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—All of north Dublin was cordoned by soldiers and police last night and today. Street railway service along the North quay was suspended. The center of the district includes Church street and the place where the soldiers were ambushed recently and North King street, the scene of fierce fighting in the Easter rebellion.

A square mile is surrounded, and the biggest raid Dublin has experienced has been under way. Only the military have been engaged inside the cordons and it is believed every house will be systematically searched, the raids lasting several days. Hundreds of soldiers are taking part and field kitchens are provided.

Serious Disorders Follow Cork Shooting

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
CORK, Jan. 16.—Serious disorders followed the shooting yesterday in which two detectives were wounded. The disorders occurred while a crowd was dispersing from a football match and parties of police were trying to clear the streets. Twelve persons were wounded during promiscuous firing, while Excise Officer Fring was killed by a stray shot from a passing lorry. He had come to his home for the weekend and was walking with his brother and sister.

EMPEROR CHARLES RECOVERING

GENEVA, Jan. 16.—Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, who has been ill with influenza, is recovering, it is announced in a Prague dispatch today.

Crime Wave Breaks Out Afresh In New York—2 Homicides

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Two cases of homicide, numerous hold-ups, robberies and increased police activity were recorded today when New York's wave of crime apparently broke afresh.

Shot during a fight, Edward Markle, clerk, died enroute to a hospital. An acquaintance, Frank Bond, was arrested.

An unidentified friend with whom he had quarreled, lay in wait for James Sullivan early today and shot him to death. The assailant escaped.

Four of six men who entered a home today were captured after a fight with William Reye, his wife and daughter. A policeman, attracted by their shouts, clubbed the four into submission. The others fled.

Residents of an apartment house armed themselves with clubs and captured a youth, who said he was John Robinson. He was found hiding in the basement and was arrested on burglary charge.

A report that a new police commissioner would be appointed within 24 hours to succeed Commissioner Enright gained wide circulation tonight.

BITTER FIGHT ON TARIFF MEASURE EXPECTED TODAY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Presentation of the Fordney emergency tariff bill to the senate tomorrow by the finance committee will launch what promises to be a long fight. Hours of discussion and many amendments await the measure and the outcome is admittedly doubtful. The house ways and means committee this week will continue its hearing on permanent tariff revision.

Other affairs, awaiting senate action include motions to reconsider passage of the Pointexter anti-strike bill and the resolution to stop recruiting until the army is reduced to 150,000. Debate on the bill for federal regulation of the meat industry will be resumed Tuesday. The bill is to be voted upon Jan. 24.

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American Woman, 2 Accomplices, Held By German Police

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
BERLIN, Jan. 16.—An American woman and two alleged accomplices in a swindling operation have been arrested. The woman's maiden name is said to have been Virginia Fair. Police suspect she married a German named Molt, who died a year ago. She is declared to have come to Germany nine years ago.

The woman and her accomplices, police say, under the pretext of organizing a food relief bureau with the aid of American funds a year ago, obtained duty-free import licenses for more than 100 cartons of food. Of these 30 cartons are declared to have entered Germany and to have been transferred to speculators.

Woman Killed With Blow From Hammer; Husband Arrested

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
ALGONA, Iowa, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Minnie Benjamin, 40 years old, wife of a local farmer, was found dead in her home here last night with a blood-spattered hammer was found a few feet from her side. Her husband, who is 10 years her senior, is in the county jail, charged with her murder.

FRENCH PREMIER PROFFERS FAITH IN RE-AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PARIS, Jan. 16.—A. Briand, former premier, succeeded today in framing a cabinet in succession to the ministry of Premier Leygues, resigned.

Besides the premiership, M. Briand takes the ministry of foreign affairs. Louis Barthou becomes minister of war and Paul Doumer, minister of finance.

Tonight M. Briand presented the official cabinet list to President Millerand. Besides the names mentioned, the ministry is made up as follows: Minister of justice, M. Bonnevay. Interior, Pierre Marraud.

Marine, Gabriel Guisthau. Finance, Paul Doumer. Public instruction, Victor Barard. Agriculture, Edmond Lefebvre Duprey.

Commerce, Lucien Dior. Labor, Daniel Vincent. Pensions, Andre Mangiot. Public works, Yves LaTouche.

Liberated regions, Louis Loucheur. "It is not the great cabinet, but it is a great cabinet I have formed," said Premier Briand. "My ministers and myself will be busy men looking after France's internal affairs. We have confidence that the American administration will look after its own affairs. It may be Republican, it may be Democratic—it matters little; it is always pro-French, I am sure."

"We have the warmest desire to be on a friendly footing with the British and American nations, but there is a pact, signed at Versailles, which must be fulfilled. I trust that in the fulfillment of that pact, we come not in contact with our friends."

"My ministry will make its bow in the chamber Tuesday. It may be that a representative of France will meet the British and Italian delegations next day. I have asked for no postponement."

The general impression is that the cabinet is a very powerful element, although many are skeptical of the presence of MM. Poincare and Viviani.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION OF WOOL MEN OPENS IN SALT LAKE TODAY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 16.—Wool growers of 12 western states and some from the east, will meet tomorrow for the first sessions in the fifty-sixth annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association. The convention will open with an address of welcome by Governor Mabey and the reports of the national officers, Frank J. Haglund of Salt Lake, president, and F. R. Marshall, secretary.

The wool men will devote a large part of their meetings this year to considerations of the economic problems of the industry, the subjects ranging from tariff matters, commission charges, freight rates and cost to the always present problems of marketing. President Haglund, who returned today from Washington, after several weeks' tour of the industry, will cover in his annual address the salient matters of greatest current concern to the members of the association.

Other wool growers have been given places on the program to outline their conceptions of plans which should be taken to improve the status of the industry. The wool men are not only interested in the wool business, but to the markets they serve.

Harding Says Anti-Cigaret Movement Is Fine If Sincere

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 16.—Lucy Page Gaston, representing the National Anti-Cigarette league, announced tonight she had received a reply from President-elect Harding in response to a letter in which she asked him to refrain from the use of cigarettes as an example to the youth.

"I think it is fine to save the youth from the tobacco habit," says the reply. "I think, however, the movement ought to be carried on in perfect good faith and should be free from any kind of hypocrisy or deceit on the part of those who are giving it their earnest attention."

EX-GOVERNOR PRINCE WOULD RETIRE TO THE FATHERLAND

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
THE HAGUE, Jan. 16.—Frederick William, former crown prince of Germany, in an interview given the editor of a German weekly published in the Netherlands, tells why he does not return to Germany, why his wife does not join him at Wieringen, and why he does not join his fatherland in the Netherlands.

"Why does not my wife come here? Believe me she would gladly do so. But there is no chance of such happiness. She has the training of our children at heart and must direct it. She cannot go to my parents. Our opponents are trying to put us in the position of being ready to set the world on fire and if we were together, then, in the eyes of our opponents, the overthrow of the world would be a question of but a short time."

"As for buying an estate in Holland, where would I get the money, particularly in view of the low rate of German exchange?"

Union Labor Plans Offensive Against Organized Attacks

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Representatives of the 109 unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have been called to meet here February 23 to consider a plan of action made on the trade union movement, according to announcement today by Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, who is to be sent out by President Samuel Gompers.

Secretary Morrison, in a statement, said that the conference "is one of several similar gatherings, called by the American Federation of Labor, during its history to consider unusual conditions." He explained the intention to give attention to attacks on the unionism, he said.

"These attacks include attempts to establish the anti-union shop, wage reductions, anti-strike laws, compulsory arbitration, and other measures which would tend to destroy the public mind to accept these backward steps."

"I believe labor will formulate a plan of campaign to meet these attacks and a continuance of their profiteering policy. The trade union movement is alert to the forces against it and proposes to act vigorously and courageously. Our opponents are mistaken if they imagine they have made the slightest progress in alarming the workers or that they will humbly accept a policy of reaction."

The conference will consider the publicity and other methods of our opponents and it is quite possible that labor will be able to bring a public trial to those who imagine they control practically every avenue of publicity."

Order Arrest Of Ten Members Of Alabama Guard For Lynching

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 16.—Ten members of Company M, Alabama National Guard, were ordered arrested tonight by Judge Horace Wilkinson, investigating the lynching on last Thursday of William Baird, a miner, at Jasper, Ala.

Company M is at its home barracks at Tuscaloosa, having been ordered there from Townley, near the scene of the lynching, immediately after Baird was taken from jail by masked men and shot to death. Baird was being held in connection with the killing of Private James Morris of Company M.

Jewish Synagogue To Resist Enforcement Of Sunday Blue Laws

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Jewish resistance to the enforcement of blue laws, in that "they are anti-Jewish as well as anti-Christian," was urged today at the ninth annual meeting of the United Synagogue of America by its president, Dr. E. L. Solomon.

"Anti-Semitism," he declared, "is rearing its ugly head in this land of brotherly love. While hardly to be classed as a piece of anti-Semitic propaganda, the attempt to bring about the so-called blue law Sunday, if successful, would tend to increase the hardships of the orthodox Jew."

STATESMEN JOIN WITH CHURCHMEN TO CONDEMNANT SEMITIC SCHEME

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
BENNINGTON, Vt., Jan. 16.—A protest against anti-semitic propaganda, bearing the names of President Wilson, W. H. Taft, Cardinal O'Connell and 115 others was made public tonight by John Spargo, Socialist writer. It extorts those who are "murders of public opinion—the clergy and ministers, publicists, teachers, editors and statesmen—to strike at this un-American and un-Christian agitation."

"We regret exceedingly," the protest said, "the publication of books, pamphlets and newspaper articles designed to foster distrust and suspicion of Jewish ancestry and faith—distrust and suspicion of their loyalty and their patriotism."

Men and women of Jewish faith, it declared, should not be required alone to "fight this evil."

To Mr. Spargo's request for his approval, President Wilson wrote: "I am heartily in sympathy with the protest against the anti-semitic movement. I beg that you will add my name to the signatures."

President-elect Harding in a letter, said: "I am sure you can understand why I am seeking the avoidance of undue publicity and reluctant to make public statements relating to any pending problems. I am no less sure that you already know, and that the American people already believe that I am giving no sanction to anything so narrow, so intolerant or so un-American as the anti-semitic movement. I have been preaching the gospel of understanding and good will and no one believes in these things and hopes for the concord of the world who is interested in any movement aimed against any portion of our American citizenship."

"We protest against this organized campaign of prejudice and hatred," the signers declared, "because we are convinced that it is wholly incompatible with loyal and intelligent American citizenship."

Secretary of State Colby sent his approval by cable from South America. Others who signed were Secretary Baker and Secretary Meredith, former Secretaries of State Bryan and Lansing, former Secretary of War L. M. Garrison, former Secretary of the Interior Franklin M. Land, and former Attorney-General G. W. Wickham. Several college professors are on the list, including Murray W. Butler of Columbia, and T. J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University of America.

Among the clergymen are Robert E. Speer, president of the Council of the Federated Churches of Christ in America, and Archbishop P. J. Hayes of New York.

APPEAL FOR HONEST ATTEMPT TO REACH RUSSIAN AGREEMENT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—An appeal for a fair, free and honest attempt to reach a mutually friendly agreement relative to the attitude of the United States toward Russia was made in a letter sent Acting Secretary of State Davis by the League of Free Nations' association today.

The communication was in answer to a letter written by Mr. Davis to Alton B. Parker, which characterized as false the statements made by the Russian's presidential candidate on Oct. 29.

The association in its letter to the candidates, charged that the United States had refused to permit Russian relief, had confiscated passports to Russia, hindered free communication, and had helped armed intervention.

The statement of Mr. Davis that relief work in Soviet Russia would not be hindered and that passports would be granted to the Russian frontiers, the association stated, had been drawn since its original letters.

The association pointed out that the information given the candidates was true, then, and that Mr. Davis' letter was based on a state of affairs of a subsequent date, in which the foreign policy of the United States had undergone a change.

The new policy, if carried out, the association asserted, will facilitate relief work and lead to a frank discussion of an enlightened foreign policy between the United States and Russia.

Outlaws In Control Of Interior Towns Along Chile Border

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 16.—Damage estimated at many millions of pesos has been caused by the depredations of outlaws who are pillaging, burning crops and ranches, destroying agricultural machinery and killing and terrorizing inhabitants at Santa Cruz. Disasters say these bands now aggregate more than 1,000 men.

The outlaws are said virtually to control the whole interior of the territory as far as Chile. Police are said to be helpless.

The situation has been made more dangerous by a strike declared on Friday at Rio Gallegos. Many people are fleeing the towns. One band is reported to have captured five Chilean border police and a lieutenant.

Churches Propose Establishment Of Courts For Aliens

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Establishment of quasi-judicial immigration courts in which aliens would be guaranteed due process of law and proper constitutional safeguards today was proposed for "serious and modification" in the handling of foreigners.

The committee on the church and social welfare of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America in a report on deportation cases in 1919 and 1920 detailed accounts of 200 cases of alleged alien radicals were ordered deported, urged the reform.

Refusal to grant immunity for unlawful acts of instigation, and provision that one should be convicted on evidence showing him to have been incited to wrongdoing by a provocative government, were among reforms urged.

Other measures include a provision that no utterance which at common law would not amount to solicitation or incitement to deportation should be held sufficient ground for deportation. Arrests for deportation, it said, should be made only when a warrant has been sworn out.

LABOR MAY SEND ENVOYS TO LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—Immigration agencies in all Latin-American countries for the collection and dissemination of information regarding labor conditions will be established under a resolution adopted by the American Federation of Labor congress yesterday. Delegates from the United States and Porto Rico opposed the idea, but were voted down.

The resolution, introduced by the Mexican delegation, gave rise to much debate. When it was found that the remainder of the business of the congress could not be completed yesterday, a recess was taken.

The Mexican delegation's recommendation called for the appointment of labor envoys in each country, but the resolutions committee reported the original proposal. When the amended motion was submitted debate began, during which Samuel Gompers, president of the congress, was compelled to explain United States labor conditions.

Mr. Gompers asserted that upward of 1,500,000 immigrants were received in the United States each year and that 150,000 persons in Europe were ready to come to America. He added a note of warning, saying that there were more than 2,000,000 unemployed in the United States. He said that the international labor office at Geneva had undertaken the investigation of immigration in every phase and would soon publish important findings. After much debate the original resolution was adopted.

Two Prospective Cabinet Members At Marion Today

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MARION, Ohio, Jan. 16.—Although President-elect Harding will hold only a few more conferences before leaving for Florida, his callers will include some leading figures in his party.

Today he conferred with Harry M. Humphreys of Columbia, generally regarded as a prospective cabinet member, and tomorrow will see Will H. Hays, Republican national chairman and former Governor F. O. Lowden of Illinois. Mr. Hays also is expected to receive a cabinet appointment, and Mr. Lowden's name has been associated with several high positions.

The date of Mr. Harding's departure has not been divulged here, but it is known he will leave within a few days. His headquarters decline to affirm or deny the announcement in Miami, Fla., that he would start south Thursday.

Mrs. Harding, who had planned to leave in advance of her husband, to spend some time in Washington and New York shopping, has decided to postpone her departure until next week.

Admiral Gleaves On Way To Shanghai To Call Inquiry Court

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MANILA, P. I., Jan. 16.—Admiral Albert Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the American Asiatic fleet, departed today for Shanghai on the destroyer Elliott, accompanied by members of a court of inquiry who will investigate the shooting at Vladivostok recently left Lieut. W. H. Langdon of the U. S. S. Albany by a Japanese sentry. The officers will reach Shanghai Tuesday and there board the cruiser New Orleans for Vladivostok.

Italy Against Plan To Force All Terms Of Versailles Pact

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Italian cabinet has decided, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome, that in the supreme council in Paris it will be impossible for Italy to support any measure calculated to force Germany to fulfill entirely the obligations of the Versailles treaty or any other measure to force Turkey to accept the present disposition on the Near Eastern situation.

Explosion Of Gas Plant Kills Two

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
BOWEN, N. H., Jan. 16.—Explosion of a gas plant being installed in the residence of A. J. Curtis, today killed two children who boarded in the house, burned Mrs. Curtis seriously and she died. Injured two workmen and wrecked the house.

NAVY SEAPLANES TRAVERSE 3,000 MILE COURSE IN 17 FLYING DAYS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PANAMA, Jan. 16.—Naval officers are enthusiastic over the successful completion of the flight from San Diego, Cal., to the Canal Zone by 12 of the navy P-5-L seaplanes, which arrived Saturday evening. The two remaining machines were expected today.

The flight of 3200 miles, completed in 17 flying days, was marred by one fatality, Chief Radio Electrician Cain having been killed at Fonseca bay on the western coast of Central America, when he was struck by a propeller. The flyers encountered squalls in crossing the Gulf of Tehuantepec and were given a severe shaking up.

The flight, the longest on record, was over a course never before traversed by aircraft and the aviators made only once forced landing. The flyers were enthusiastic in their praise of the planes' Liberty motors.

Starting from San Diego on December 30 the planes made nine stops—Bartolome bay, Magdalena bay, San Juan del Sur, Salina Cruz, Salina Cruz, Punta Arenas, Bahia Honda and Panama. Capt. H. C. Muslin, commander, stated that the flight was unique, since only two days were taken with the preparatory work were taken with the preparatory work.

"We had good weather except over the Gulf of Tehuantepec," he said. "Squalls there made me seasick. The only forced landing was in San Juan del Sur, when a piece of paper caused the burning out of a motor."

Supply steamers left San Diego only two days before the machines, and the journey was completed with only three main supply bases, a destroyer which was pressed into service having become partially disabled.

Commander J. H. Towers, a naval aviator who crossed the Atlantic, came ill with appendicitis on a supply ship which did not carry a doctor and received medical attention when a seaplane brought a physician from another vessel.

The jump between Salina Cruz and Fonseca bay, nearly 500 miles, was made without stop. The delay of two of the machines was due, according to Captain Muslin, to under-power.

NC-5 Wrecked

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—United States naval seaplane NC-5, one of the 14 planes on the San Diego to Panama flight, is said to be wrecked off San Juan del Sur, according to a wireless from the destroyer Munford, intercepted by the U. S. S. New Mexico and relayed to the naval radio station at Yerba Buena here. The crew is safe aboard the Munford.

The message from the destroyer Munford read: "NC-5 about 25 miles off San Juan del Sur, fabric ripped and pontoons leaking. Two lower wings gone. Crew safe on Munford. Standing by to pick up seaplane when weather moderates."

FIVE MEMBERS OF FAMILY MURDERED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PAMPLICA, S. C., Jan. 16.—Discovery today of two additional bodies, was found in the yard, a member of the Bigham family, prominent residents near here, were shot to death yesterday. Three bodies were found yesterday. Authorities said they were working on a clue afforded by a revolver found in the hand of L. S. Bigham, aged 40, head of the family and a victim.

The body of Mrs. L. S. Bigham, aged 60, mother of the head of the family, was found in the yard, a bullet wound in her head. The body of Mrs. Marjorie Black, aged 35, was found in her room, also with a bullet hole in her head. The body of Mrs. Black's five-year-old adopted son was found near the back of the house, his forehead having been pierced by a bullet, while another adopted son, aged five, was found near a fence in the back yard, with a bullet wound in his head. The five-year-old boy died early today.

Private Ownership Of Mexican Railroads Being Considered

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—A step toward the contemplated return of the Mexican railways from government control to private ownership has been taken by the cabinet. At a conference with President Obregon it was ordered that a committee be appointed to investigate every phase of the problem.

F. A. Vanderlip May Be Jap Ambassador

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
TOKYO, Jan. 16.—News dispatches stating that President-elect Harding contemplates the appointment of F. A. Vanderlip as ambassador to Japan have been well received.

Yorozu Chono, an independent organ says: "Mr. Vanderlip is pro-Japanese, and his appointment at the present, when relations between Japan and the United States threaten to become complicated, would promote friendship."